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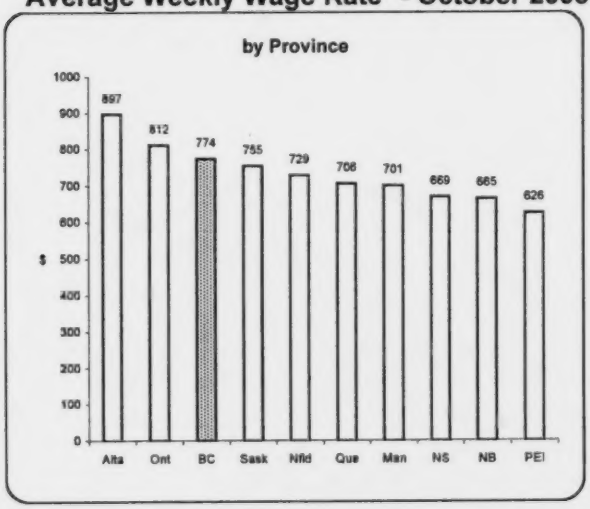
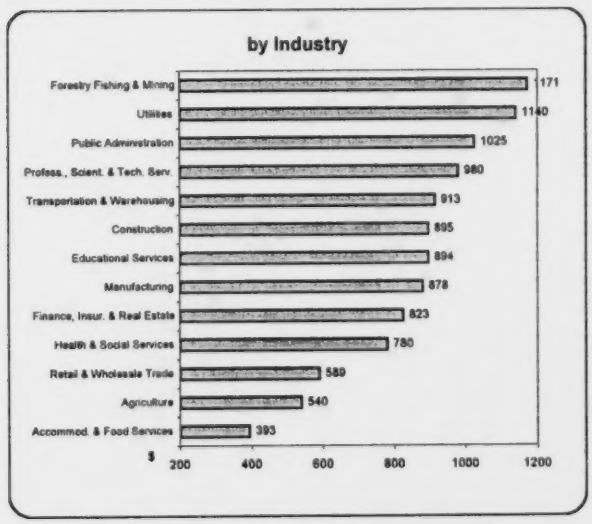
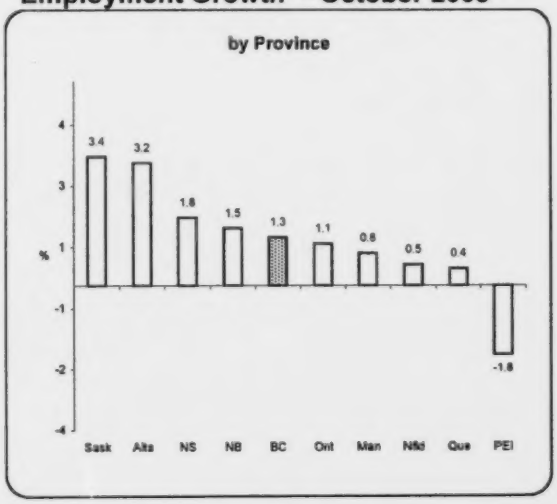
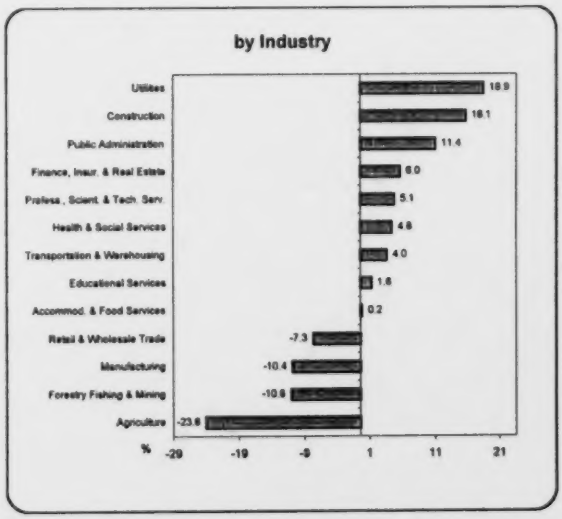




** Latest 12 month average*

Employment Growth* - October 2008





** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

Feature Article: Labour Characteristics of the BC Immigrant Population from the 2007 Labour Force Survey

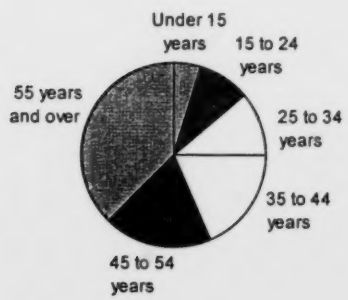
Labour Market Characteristics of the BC Immigrant Population

The immigrant population in BC

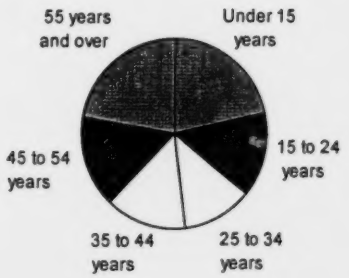
At the time of the 2006 Census over 1.1 million immigrants[1] were living in British Columbia. This represents 27.5% of BC's population or an increase of 1.4% from the 2001 Census figures. BC continues to have the second largest immigration population of all the provinces and territories—only behind Ontario (28.3%) and well above the national average of 19.8%.

In 2006, immigrants over the age of 15 compromised 26.2% of the entire BC population. More immigrants are to be found in the prime working age group (25-54) than non-immigrants (48.6% vs. 41.7%). Additionally, there is a higher proportion of immigrants above the age of 55 (37.8% of total immigrants) and a lower proportion of immigrants under 15 years than for the Canadian-born population.

Age of BC's immigrant population



Age of BC's Canadian-born population



Source: Census 2006, Statistics Canada

Immigrant employment rates

Since January 2006, Statistics Canada has been collecting data through the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS) on the labour market status of immigrants in Canada. In general, immigrants tend to have lower employment rates[2] in full- and part-time jobs compared to individuals born in Canada. The full-time employment gap between the Canadian-born and foreign-born population (age 15 plus) is small with a difference of 7%. Recent immigrants who landed between five and ten years ago had the highest employment rates of all landed immigrants in 2007 and 2006 which may be due to the higher number of individuals in the working age bracket (25-54 years) when compared with established immigrants (more than ten years in Canada) where more than half were above 55 years old.

[1] Immigrant population refers to people who were foreign born and have been permitted by immigration authorities to live in Canada permanently.

[2] The employment rate (or the employment population ratio) is the number of persons employed expressed as a percentage of the population.

Employment rates of immigrants by period of landing and Canadian-born in percent, population aged 15+, BC, 2007

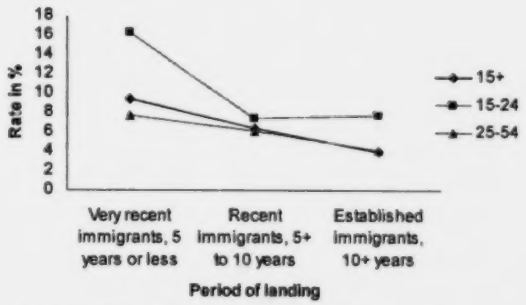
	Full-time	Part-time
Total population	50.6	12.8
Total landed immigrants	45.9	9.8
Very recent immigrants, 5 years or less	46. 7	10.9
Recent immigrants, 5+ to 10 years	50. 3	12. 9
Established immigrants, 10+ years	44.9	9.1
Non-landed immigrants	43.3	9.9
Born in Canada	52.9	14.2

Source: Labour Force Survey 2007, Statistics Canada

Unemployment rates[3] for immigrants appear to be strongly correlated by period of landing. The unemployment rate is declining for most age groups as the period of landing increases. The sharpest decreases are to be found for immigrants in the prime working age (25-54). Young immigrants (15-24) had a somewhat higher unemployment rate, indicating that education may be another factor influencing the employability of immigrants. While Canadian-born individuals of all age groups have lower unemployment rates, the difference with the corresponding immigrant population is small. Similarly, the employability of immigrants increases with the number of years in Canada, and is starkest for immigrants aged 25-54. Established immigrants from that age category living more than ten years in Canada also have the smallest employability gap compared to the rest of the population of the same age (81.7% vs. 84.2%, respectively).

[3] The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force.

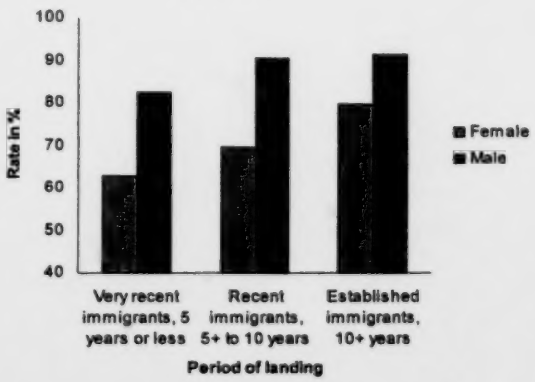
Unemployment rates by age group, 2007



Source: Labour Force Survey 2007, Statistics Canada

The labour force participation rates and unemployment rates for the immigrant population reveal a gender disparity. Specifically, female immigrants tend to have lower participation rates than male immigrants, independent of period of landing (74.8% for females and 89.7% for males aged 25-54). Canadian born women also tend to have lower participation rates than men; however the difference is not as pronounced—82.3% for women and 91.4% for men.

Participation rates by gender (25-54 years of age), 2007

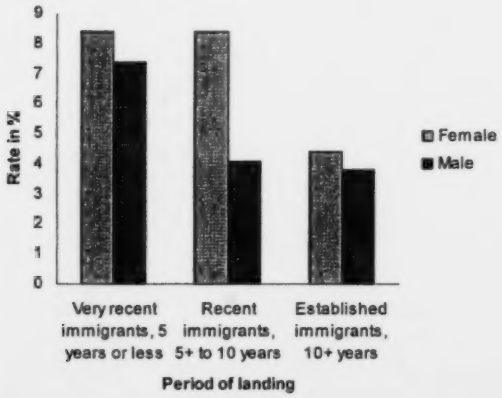


Source: Labour Force Survey 2007, Statistics Canada

The participation rates were similar in 2006 for male and female and immigrants and non-immigrants.

The unemployment rates for non-immigrant women were 3.1% in 2007 and 3% for men. Interestingly, Canadian-born females experienced a decline in the unemployment rate in the period 2006-7 from 4% to 3.1%, while established immigrant women had an increased unemployment rate (3.8% in 2006 and 4.4% in 2007). The unemployment rate (3.8%) for established male immigrants remained unchanged between 2006 and 2007.

Unemployment rates by gender (25-54 years of age), 2007



Source: Labour Force Survey 2007, Statistics Canada

Occupational mix of immigrants

The distribution of BC's immigrant population across occupational industries mirrors that of the Canadian-born population. In particular, the majority of individuals for both groups are employed in the services sector, with the business and administration, finance in second place, and the trade and transport sectors having third highest number of employees. Differences between 2006 and 2007 were minimal. It is interesting to note that the labour distribution across occupations differs slightly depending on the period of landing. While services and manufacturing industries dominate as the most likely job destinations for very recent immigrants (five or less years in Canada), their relative importance declines, with other professions more prevalent for established immigrants.

Selected occupation rates for immigrants (25-54 years of age), 2007

Source: Labour Force Survey 2007, Statistics Canada

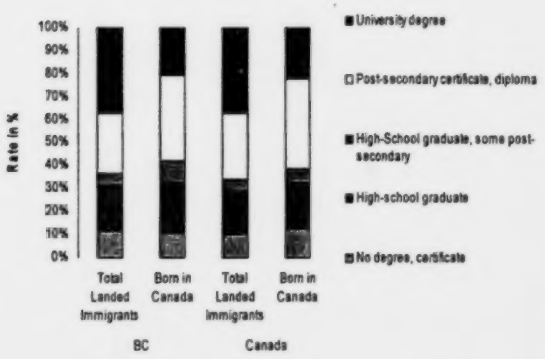
Canadian-born individuals are almost half-as-likely to work in the manufacturing sector than established immigrants, but are almost as likely to be found in management occupations (10.1% vs. 11.2%).

Education levels and employability

According the Labour Force Survey the majority of immigrants residing in BC as of 2007 held a university degree.

The educational make-up of BC's population (immigrant and otherwise) is fairly similar to Canada's population.

Education attainment of immigrants and Canadian-born (25-54 years of age), 2007



Source: Labour Force Survey 2007, Statistics Canada

The chart above suggests that immigrants tend to have a higher level of education attainment than the Canadian-born population (university graduates: 37.3% vs. 20.7%). While significantly less than the proportion of immigrants with university degrees, still 26.1% of total landed immigrants hold a post-secondary certificate. The proportional make-up of educational levels for immigrants corresponds to the occupations immigrants are most likely to be found in. Furthermore, BC has a slightly higher proportion of immigrants with no degree, certificate in comparison to the segment of the population born in Canada. For Canada as a whole the relationship is reversed, with proportionally more individuals born in Canada possessing no degree or certificate.

Regardless of education attainment the full-time employment rates increase for established immigrants. Interestingly, recent immigrants and established immigrants with no certificates appear to perform better on the job market than the Canadian-born counterparts. Immigrants with university degrees also appear to have higher full-time employment prospects than the remaining population.

Employment rates of immigrants by period of landing and Canadian-born with university degree in percent, population aged 25-54, BC, 2007

	Full-time	Part-time
Very recent immigrants, 5 years or less	56.1	9.3
Recent immigrants, 5+ to 10 years	67.1	10.9
Established immigrants, 10+ years	77.4	10.6
Born in Canada	75.7	14.0

Source: Labour Force Survey 2007, Statistics Canada

Independent of the education level and period of landing, immigrants have higher unemployment rates than the rest of the population. The unemployment rate approaches that of the general population the longer immigrants have spent in Canada. For instance, established immigrants with no post-secondary education have an unemployment rate of 7.7%, which is 1.1 percentage points higher than for the non-immigrant population. Higher education for immigrants leads to better employment prospects when controlling for the period of landing. For established immigrants the decrease in the unemployment rate and the increase in employability as the level of education increases are steeper than for the Canadian-born population.

Summary

In general, immigrants to British Columbia lag behind in employment prospects when compared to the Canadian-born population. The gap is shortened by the number of years spent in Canada and is virtually non-existent for highly educated established immigrants. Most immigrants are to be found in occupations similar to the rest of the population.

1 SUMMARY TRENDS

		Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
					Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
		BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
		% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
	1998	0.3	1.0	1.6			3.9			2.3	-0.1	2.5	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
	1999	1.1	1.8	2.2			3.3			1.0	1.9	2.6	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
	2000	1.8	2.7	3.4	1.7	3.2	3.9	-0.1	0.5	0.5	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	6.8	4.0
	2001	1.7	2.5	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.7
	2002	2.4	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
	2003	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.1	-0.9	0.0	2.5	2.4	0.9	8.0	7.6	6.0
	2004	2.0	1.8	2.7	0.4	2.6	2.1	-1.5	0.8	-0.5	2.4	1.8	1.1	7.2	7.2	5.5
	2005	2.0	2.2	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	0.6	1.2	-0.5	3.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	6.8	5.1
	2006	1.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	3.5	4.3	1.3	1.5	1.1	3.1	1.9	1.9	4.8	6.3	4.6
	2007	1.8	2.2	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.8	1.2	1.0	1.0	3.2	2.3	1.1	4.2	6.0	4.6
2007	Jan	2.3	1.1	2.1	3.2	1.9	2.6	0.9	0.8	0.5	4.2	2.6	2.0	4.3	6.2	4.6
	Feb	2.2	2.0	2.4	3.7	2.5	3.7	1.4	0.5	1.3	3.6	2.4	1.8	4.0	6.1	4.5
	Mar	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.5	1.9	4.4	1.3	-0.4	1.6	3.7	2.5	1.8	3.9	6.1	4.4
	Apr	1.9	2.2	2.6	3.8	2.3	3.8	1.8	0.1	1.2	2.6	2.2	1.3	4.5	6.2	4.5
	May	1.7	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.5	4.1	1.1	0.3	1.4	3.2	1.8	1.3	4.3	6.0	4.5
	Jun	1.5	2.2	2.7	2.4	3.2	4.1	0.9	1.0	1.4	3.1	2.1	1.2	4.4	6.1	4.6
	Jul	1.6	2.2	2.4	3.2	3.4	4.1	1.6	1.2	1.7	2.7	2.1	1.2	4.2	6.0	4.7
	Aug	1.3	1.7	2.0	3.9	3.7	3.8	2.6	1.9	1.8	3.1	2.3	0.7	4.0	6.0	4.7
	Sep	1.9	2.5	2.8	3.4	4.1	5.2	1.4	1.6	2.4	2.8	2.5	1.0	4.4	5.9	4.7
	Oct	1.6	2.4	3.5	2.2	4.1	2.2	0.6	1.7	-1.3	2.5	2.6	0.4	4.4	5.8	4.8
	Nov	1.3	2.5	4.3	1.9	4.1	3.5	0.6	1.6	-0.8	4.0	2.6	0.7	4.2	5.9	4.7
	Dec	1.2	2.4	4.:	2.2	4.9	4.6	1.0	2.4	0.5	3.1	2.2	0.2	4.2	6.0	5.0
2008	Jan	0.8	2.2	4.3	3.8	5.1	3.4	3.0	2.9	-0.8	2.4	2.0	0.2	4.1	5.8	4.9
	Feb	1.1	1.8	4.0	3.1	5.0	3.8	2.0	3.1	-0.2	2.3	2.2	0.1	4.1	5.8	4.8
	Mar	1.2	1.4	4.0	2.4	4.4	4.3	1.2	3.0	0.3	2.4	1.9	-0.1	4.3	6.0	5.1
	Apr	1.7	1.7	3.9	3.3	4.4	2.0	1.5	2.7	-1.9	3.4	2.1	0.4	4.3	6.1	5.0
	May	2.1	2.2	4.2	4.9	4.5	3.2	2.7	2.2	-1.0	2.5	2.0	0.1	4.5	6.1	5.5
	Jun	3.0	3.1	5.0	5.8	4.3	4.0	2.7	1.1	-1.0	2.7	1.7	-0.1	4.5	6.2	5.5
	Jul	3.3	3.4	5.6	5.9	3.6	1.6	2.5	0.2	-3.8	2.9	1.3	-0.2	4.4	6.1	5.7
	Aug	3.3	3.5	5.4	2.8	3.5	3.3	-0.5	0.0	-2.0	2.6	1.3	-0.2	4.3	6.1	6.1
	Sep	3.3	3.4	4.9	4.7	4.0	1.4	1.4	0.6	-3.4	2.2	1.6	-0.7	4.6	6.1	6.1
	Oct	-	-	-	6.2	3.9	-	-	-	-	1.6	1.3	-	5.1	6.2	-
	Nov															
	Dec															

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Sources: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey & United States Bureau of Labour Statistics

2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	581.38		621.21		574.30		510.88		517.48		612.18		557.54		497.82		494.58		447.28		492.94	
1999	597.08		628.82		594.57		526.79		532.50		634.16		566.69		506.47		504.77		463.69		496.99	
2000	616.02	3.2	639.37	1.7	617.23	3.8	545.87	3.6	551.82	3.6	656.96	3.6	579.75	2.3	533.68	5.4	523.89	3.8	473.88	2.2	525.69	5.8
2001	635.75	3.2	648.19	1.4	653.69	5.9	571.73	4.7	562.32	1.9	678.51	3.3	596.38	2.9	537.56	0.7	543.33	3.7	496.19	4.7	549.60	4.5
2002	649.94	2.2	668.04	3.1	684.20	4.7	585.61	2.4	574.53	2.2	689.97	1.7	606.22	1.6	546.18	1.6	558.11	2.7	508.69	2.5	567.69	3.3
2003	662.44	1.9	683.68	2.3	688.04	0.6	604.82	3.3	588.61	2.5	701.35	1.6	619.30	2.2	561.46	2.8	574.14	2.9	538.53	5.9	588.26	3.6
2004	679.83	2.6	686.74	0.4	703.63	2.3	627.34	3.7	612.04	4.0	721.00	2.8	641.46	3.6	574.18	2.3	588.07	2.4	562.57	4.5	587.82	-0.1
2005	703.35	3.5	704.49	2.6	757.32	7.6	643.13	2.5	625.21	2.2	744.94	3.3	656.66	2.4	591.28	3.0	607.46	3.3	560.82	-0.3	615.82	4.8
2006	727.78	3.5	726.02	3.1	814.24	7.5	676.82	5.2	641.38	2.6	767.14	3.0	672.03	2.3	610.85	3.3	618.60	1.8	580.76	3.6	642.91	4.4
2007	751.28	3.2	747.84	3.0	859.94	5.6	708.62	4.7	674.06	5.1	786.24	2.5	687.26	2.3	639.06	4.6	653.65	5.7	596.00	2.6	675.02	5.0
2007 Jan	732.40	1.9	743.37	3.2	831.66	3.8	697.74	5.2	661.84	4.8	761.58	1.0	670.08	0.3	619.70	3.0	644.89	4.1	594.99	5.5	647.36	1.2
Feb	733.94	2.5	743.33	3.7	838.95	6.3	693.37	3.4	657.80	4.6	764.26	1.1	670.33	1.4	631.09	5.8	635.06	3.7	600.60	5.8	638.42	-0.8
Mar	735.11	1.9	743.18	3.5	839.89	5.8	680.34	1.1	655.52	3.6	767.19	0.7	671.08	0.3	634.12	3.9	645.30	4.7	590.76	0.8	640.77	-0.8
Apr	740.73	2.3	748.06	3.8	842.16	4.6	684.16	2.7	660.85	3.2	772.39	0.8	679.71	2.0	638.15	6.1	652.03	5.7	596.79	1.7	663.90	2.7
May	743.89	2.5	741.59	2.7	842.16	4.0	691.24	3.3	667.17	3.4	777.97	1.8	685.66	1.7	640.64	7.4	654.54	6.3	600.46	3.0	665.00	2.2
Jun	749.92	3.2	740.27	2.4	850.59	4.9	691.09	3.8	674.53	4.9	788.38	2.6	690.70	2.6	646.41	8.0	653.20	7.4	599.63	4.8	662.33	2.6
Jul	754.33	3.4	744.19	3.2	864.61	5.8	701.69	4.6	679.11	5.9	791.71	2.5	695.23	2.7	637.74	5.1	645.19	5.5	572.97	0.8	663.64	7.4
Aug	761.97	3.7	756.53	3.9	872.01	4.6	719.25	6.1	686.43	7.0	801.30	3.6	695.09	1.9	636.41	2.5	656.55	7.0	579.05	1.8	675.96	6.8
Sep	766.03	4.1	754.74	3.4	880.11	6.2	734.28	6.5	684.80	5.4	805.09	3.7	698.41	3.0	640.61	2.3	662.71	5.6	591.35	2.3	697.96	6.7
Oct	763.91	4.1	748.87	2.2	871.28	6.8	733.62	6.4	686.27	6.0	803.41	3.7	698.06	3.5	650.61	3.8	658.57	5.4	600.99	0.2	705.62	7.0
Nov	764.36	4.1	753.78	1.9	890.34	7.5	735.03	6.0	690.01	6.5	797.72	3.3	695.50	3.6	644.31	3.2	665.89	6.7	607.36	0.2	715.55	11.6
Dec	766.72	4.9	755.66	2.2	892.81	7.2	739.89	6.9	683.26	5.8	801.47	4.9	695.06	4.1	646.50	4.1	668.52	5.5	621.72	5.3	717.67	12.2
2008 Jan	770.02	5.1	771.68	3.8	888.68	6.9	748.18	7.2	689.24	4.1	804.75	5.7	695.34	3.8	658.95	6.3	655.28	1.6	610.63	2.6	705.63	9.0
Feb	770.29	5.0	766.55	3.1	884.35	5.4	739.37	6.6	701.85	6.7	806.20	5.5	696.64	3.9	658.54	4.3	665.20	4.7	609.32	1.5	725.89	13.7
Mar	767.70	4.4	761.02	2.4	892.65	6.3	743.18	9.2	699.03	6.6	800.63	4.4	693.83	3.4	661.33	4.3	661.17	2.5	619.79	4.9	715.13	11.6
Apr	773.54	4.4	772.40	3.3	891.80	5.9	743.02	8.6	690.21	4.4	809.48	4.8	696.84	2.5	671.20	5.2	668.41	2.5	632.14	5.9	727.35	9.6
May	777.54	4.5	777.77	4.9	885.20	5.1	747.69	8.2	701.58	5.2	814.15	4.7	706.09	3.0	668.41	4.3	662.28	1.2	635.63	5.9	725.43	9.1
Jun	781.94	4.3	782.92	5.8	885.91	4.2	754.44	9.2	705.35	4.6	818.23	3.8	714.44	3.4	668.34	3.4	667.24	2.1	643.63	7.3	731.54	10.4
Jul	781.55	3.6	788.11	5.9	894.67	3.5	767.86	9.4	708.14	4.3	812.55	2.6	715.16	2.9	669.42	5.0	664.10	2.9	637.77	11.3	723.76	9.1
Aug	788.85	3.5	777.68	2.8	908.93	4.2	774.75	7.7	718.46	4.7	821.78	2.6	722.88	4.0	670.63	5.4	680.53	3.7	631.92	9.1	743.24	10.0
Sep	796.96	4.0	790.43	4.7	924.19	5.0	786.31	7.1	712.14	4.0	832.53	3.4	720.49	3.2	684.38	6.8	692.18	4.4	625.16	5.7	763.33	9.4
Oct	793.76	3.9	795.65	6.2	926.74	6.4	778.36	6.1	711.41	3.7	824.66	2.6	718.72	3.0	676.86	4.0	683.05	3.7	636.89	6.0	754.29	6.9
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Oct07	748.22		746.41		853.34		702.68		671.43		783.33		685.44		637.55		650.80		592.76		666.10	
Jan-Oct08	780.22		778.42		898.31		758.32		703.74		814.50		708.04		668.81		669.94		628.29		731.56	
% Change	4.3		4.3		5.3		7.9		4.8		4.0		3.3		4.9		2.9		6.0		9.8	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	15.78		17.17		15.15		13.76		14.04		16.48		15.49		13.12		13.20		11.94		13.05	
1999	16.17		17.34		15.76		14.21		14.48		17.00		15.72		13.34		13.45		12.28		13.06	
2000	16.66	3.0	17.64	1.7	16.29	3.4	14.73	3.7	14.98	3.5	17.59	3.5	16.07	2.2	14.01	5.0	14.01	4.2	12.63	2.9	13.74	5.2
2001	17.22	3.4	17.98	1.9	17.13	5.2	15.35	4.2	15.34	2.4	18.17	3.3	16.63	3.5	14.20	1.4	14.53	3.7	13.22	4.7	14.32	4.2
2002	17.66	2.6	18.59	3.4	17.99	5.0	15.83	3.1	15.72	2.5	18.54	2.0	16.97	2.0	14.45	1.8	14.81	1.9	13.61	3.0	14.88	3.9
2003	18.04	2.2	19.02	2.3	18.13	0.8	16.42	3.7	16.06	2.2	18.88	1.8	17.42	2.7	14.80	2.4	15.42	4.1	14.52	6.7	15.46	3.9
2004	18.50	2.5	18.99	-0.2	18.54	2.3	16.94	3.2	16.74	4.2	19.43	2.9	17.99	3.3	15.21	2.8	15.79	2.4	15.09	3.9	15.44	-0.1
2005	19.09	3.2	19.36	1.9	19.76	6.6	17.28	2.0	17.17	2.6	20.06	3.2	18.43	2.4	15.63	2.8	16.24	2.8	15.15	0.4	16.09	4.2
2006	19.72	3.3	19.91	2.8	21.12	6.9	18.11	4.8	17.55	2.2	20.65	2.9	18.87	2.4	16.21	3.7	16.65	2.5	15.48	2.2	16.60	3.2
2007	20.41	3.5	20.49	2.9	22.40	6.1	19.00	4.9	18.42	5.0	21.27	3.0	19.35	2.5	16.93	4.4	17.53	5.3	15.97	3.2	17.46	5.2
2007 Jan	20.10	2.2	20.54	3.4	21.73	4.1	18.78	3.8	18.26	4.4	20.83	1.4	19.11	1.2	16.65	2.9	17.30	3.5	16.38	5.9	17.17	1.2
Feb	20.15	2.8	20.57	3.8	21.86	6.1	18.77	3.6	18.20	5.0	20.89	1.5	19.14	2.0	16.97	4.5	17.14	2.4	16.60	6.3	17.22	-0.1
Mar	20.14	2.2	20.41	3.6	21.94	5.7	18.58	2.5	18.18	3.9	20.92	1.2	19.12	0.7	17.01	4.0	17.28	3.1	16.31	1.9	17.16	0.1
Apr	20.26	2.9	20.56	4.0	22.14	5.1	18.62	4.3	18.25	4.3	21.01	1.7	19.27	2.3	17.10	5.7	17.57	5.4	16.39	2.8	17.43	3.1
May	20.19	3.0	20.36	3.6	21.97	4.9	18.56	3.6	18.34	5.0	21.02	2.5	19.22	1.7	16.99	7.3	17.38	5.5	15.88	4.6	17.32	4.1
Jun	20.25	3.5	20.29	2.8	22.03	5.2	18.56	4.3	18.40	5.7	21.21	3.4	19.22	2.5	16.99	7.6	17.38	6.3	15.68	5.6	16.89	3.6
Jul	20.20	3.7	20.24	3.2	22.19	6.3	18.61	5.6	18.23	5.8	21.10	3.0	19.23	3.1	16.63	5.1	17.14	5.7	15.02	2.1	16.76	6.5
Aug	20.36	4.0	20.37	3.3	22.33	5.3	18.87	6.5	18.39	6.4	21.39	4.2	19.20	2.4	16.58	2.5	17.29	6.0	15.07	2.4	16.91	6.4
Sep	20.71	4.2	20.57	2.9	22.91	6.0	19.48	6.2	18.63	4.5	21.62	4.0	19.62	3.4	16.83	2.2	17.94	6.5	15.55	1.4	17.63	6.3
Oct	20.74	4.1	20.49	1.8	22.81	7.1	19.64	6.2	18.65	4.8	21.70	3.8	19.63	3.6	17.10	3.7	17.87	5.7	15.90	0.1	18.15	8.4
Nov	20.86	4.2	20.65	0.6	23.32	8.0	19.65	5.5	18.85	5.4	21.69	4.0	19.72	3.7	17.12	3.4	18.02	6.3	16.47	1.2	18.37	9.9
Dec	20.93	4.9	20.77	1.9	23.52	8.8	19.85	6.3	18.64	4.0	21.76	4.9	19.68	3.9	17.21	3.9	18.10	6.9	16.83	4.1	18.64	11.6
2008 Jan	21.09	4.9	21.31	3.7	23.42	7.8	19.97	6.3	18.88	3.4	21.98	5.5	19.67	2.9	17.59	5.6	17.89	3.4	16.71	2.0	18.77	9.3
Feb	21.14	4.9	21.27	3.4	23.32	6.7	19.88	5.9	19.31	6.1	22.02	5.4	19.77	3.3	17.65	4.0	18.19	6.1	16.69	0.5	19.07	10.7
Mar	21.08	4.7	21.15	3.6	23.45	6.9	19.99	7.6	19.21	5.7	21.87	4.5	19.81	3.6	17.78	4.5	18.00	4.2	17.10	4.8	18.67	8.8
Apr	21.14	4.3	21.32	3.7	23.39	5.6	19.99	7.4	19.15	4.9	22.03	4.9	19.70	2.2	18.05	5.6	18.02	2.6	17.15	4.6	18.86	8.2
May	21.16	4.8	21.41	5.2	23.23	5.7	20.01	7.8	19.09	4.1	22.08	5.0	19.83	3.2	17.70	4.2	17.72	2.0	16.97	6.9	18.49	6.8
Jun	21.15	4.4	21.40	5.5	23.27	5.6	20.00	7.8	19.22	4.5	22.08	4.1	19.86	3.3	17.49	2.9	17.66	1.6	16.68	6.4	18.33	8.5
Jul	21.00	4.0	21.26	5.0	23.24	4.7	20.07	7.8	19.03	4.4	21.83	3.5	19.84	3.2	17.48	5.1	17.54	2.3	16.53	10.1	18.07	7.8
Aug	21.13	3.8	21.07	3.4	23.51	5.3	20.27	7.4	19.23	4.6	21.99	2.8	19.93	3.8	17.37	4.8	17.90	3.5	16.49	9.4	18.37	8.6
Sep	21.66	4.6	21.66	5.3	24.17	5.5	20.73	6.4	19.53	4.8	22.53	4.2	20.37	3.8	17.88	6.2	18.48	3.0	16.76	7.8	19.29	9.4
Oct	21.64	4.3	21.83	6.5	24.22	6.2	20.88	6.3	19.43	4.2	22.40	3.2	20.38	3.8	17.88	4.6	18.47	3.4	17.20	8.2	19.32	6.4
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Oct07	20.31		20.44		22.19		18.85		18.35		21.17		19.28		16.89		17.43		15.88		17.26	
Jan-Oct08	21.22		21.37		23.52		20.18		19.21		22.08		19.92		17.69		17.99		16.83		18.72	
% Change	4.5		4.5		6.0		7.1		4.7		4.3		3.3		4.7		3.2		6.0		8.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1998	14,046.2		1,858.4		1,509.9		470.5		534.2		5,453.3		3,257.5		315.2		395.3		59.6		192.4	
1999	14,406.7	2.6	1,894.4	1.9	1,544.0	2.3	471.6	0.2	541.4	1.3	5,636.7	3.4	3,328.1	2.2	325.5	3.3	404.0	2.2	60.2	1.0	201.0	4.5
2000	14,764.2	2.5	1,931.3	1.9	1,584.0	2.6	473.5	0.4	552.3	2.0	5,817.1	3.2	3,402.8	2.2	331.2	1.8	411.4	1.8	62.7	4.2	198.0	-1.5
2001	14,946.2	1.2	1,921.6	-0.5	1,630.9	3.0	460.3	-2.8	554.3	0.4	5,926.2	1.9	3,440.2	1.1	330.1	-0.3	415.2	0.9	63.6	1.4	203.8	2.9
2002	15,310.4	2.4	1,965.0	2.3	1,670.8	2.4	468.3	1.7	567.2	2.3	6,031.4	1.8	3,569.9	3.8	343.1	3.9	422.9	1.9	64.7	1.7	207.2	1.7
2003	15,672.3	2.4	2,014.7	2.5	1,716.7	2.7	476.1	1.7	570.3	0.5	6,213.2	3.0	3,628.8	1.6	343.1	0.0	431.2	2.0	66.1	2.2	212.3	2.5
2004	15,947.0	1.8	2,062.7	2.4	1,757.5	2.4	479.7	0.8	576.6	1.1	6,316.5	1.7	3,680.5	1.4	350.1	2.0	442.2	2.6	66.9	1.2	214.3	0.9
2005	16,169.7	1.4	2,130.5	3.3	1,784.4	1.5	483.5	0.8	580.3	0.6	6,397.7	1.3	3,717.3	1.0	350.5	0.1	443.1	0.2	68.2	1.9	214.1	-0.1
2006	16,484.3	1.9	2,195.5	3.1	1,870.7	4.8	491.6	1.7	587.0	1.2	6,492.7	1.5	3,765.4	1.3	355.4	1.4	441.8	-0.3	68.6	0.6	215.7	0.7
2007	16,866.4	2.3	2,266.3	3.2	1,959.4	4.7	501.8	2.1	596.5	1.6	6,593.8	1.6	3,851.7	2.3	362.8	2.1	447.6	1.3	69.3	1.0	217.1	0.6
2007 Jan	16,364.9	2.6	2,213.4	4.3	1,901.9	6.8	493.4	4.8	579.8	1.0	6,437.2	1.6	3,701.1	1.7	342.4	-0.1	432.4	1.7	64.8	2.9	198.6	2.4
Feb	16,439.5	2.5	2,221.2	3.7	1,916.7	5.7	492.5	4.4	582.6	0.9	6,460.0	1.9	3,720.3	1.4	344.7	0.7	433.6	2.3	64.8	1.9	203.0	1.6
Mar	16,512.5	2.5	2,245.8	3.7	1,921.3	5.3	494.7	4.3	585.8	2.0	6,463.8	1.6	3,753.5	2.1	345.2	0.5	433.2	1.0	65.4	3.5	203.6	2.6
Apr	16,575.7	2.3	2,225.9	2.6	1,927.9	5.8	494.4	3.0	587.0	0.8	6,489.2	1.1	3,785.4	3.0	349.9	1.3	442.5	1.4	65.8	1.5	207.7	2.5
May	16,963.9	1.7	2,274.6	3.3	1,964.0	3.4	509.0	2.6	604.5	1.3	6,634.0	0.8	3,862.0	1.9	367.3	0.6	454.6	0.6	71.8	-1.2	222.2	1.0
Jun	17,195.5	2.0	2,294.9	3.1	1,995.2	4.5	509.9	1.3	608.2	1.5	6,685.9	0.9	3,954.6	2.5	382.8	2.5	458.9	1.2	74.4	0.1	230.6	-0.1
Jul	17,214.7	2.1	2,287.6	2.7	2,000.4	5.4	508.6	0.8	603.1	1.7	6,688.3	1.2	3,978.8	2.3	380.1	1.9	457.6	1.0	73.6	0.1	236.5	-0.3
Aug	17,173.5	2.3	2,291.3	3.1	1,995.0	4.7	504.5	0.6	603.3	1.4	6,699.2	1.5	3,938.8	2.5	378.8	3.3	456.6	0.7	75.1	0.8	230.9	0.3
Sep	16,965.2	2.4	2,272.4	2.8	1,974.0	4.7	504.4	1.1	599.4	1.6	6,603.6	2.0	3,897.5	2.3	369.5	3.5	448.1	1.1	71.8	0.8	224.4	-0.4
Oct	17,051.9	2.6	2,283.9	2.5	1,971.9	3.7	504.5	0.6	604.2	2.4	6,681.2	2.7	3,895.1	2.4	365.6	2.8	454.0	2.0	71.5	3.3	219.8	-0.7
Nov	17,009.9	2.6	2,297.8	4.0	1,962.7	2.8	505.9	1.6	603.9	3.0	6,656.9	2.1	3,885.4	2.9	366.8	4.6	448.4	1.2	66.7	-1.0	215.3	-0.4
Dec	16,929.8	2.1	2,287.3	3.1	1,982.3	4.4	499.1	0.4	595.9	1.8	6,626.0	1.3	3,848.0	2.4	360.6	3.3	451.1	1.5	66.4	0.6	213.0	0.5
2008 Jan	16,710.8	2.1	2,274.3	2.8	1,970.6	3.6	496.0	0.5	591.7	2.1	6,533.8	1.5	3,785.9	2.3	350.1	2.2	436.8	1.0	65.2	0.6	206.5	4.0
Feb	16,810.5	2.3	2,275.1	2.4	1,973.6	3.0	499.8	1.5	593.3	1.8	6,595.7	2.1	3,813.6	2.5	353.8	2.6	432.2	-0.3	65.6	1.2	207.8	2.4
Mar	16,845.2	2.0	2,305.3	2.6	1,987.6	3.5	500.1	1.1	594.2	1.4	6,586.4	1.9	3,809.5	1.5	352.0	2.0	436.1	0.7	66.8	2.1	207.3	1.8
Apr	16,915.5	2.0	2,304.5	3.5	1,985.1	3.0	503.1	1.8	606.6	3.3	6,629.2	2.2	3,805.8	0.5	354.7	1.4	447.0	1.0	66.5	1.1	213.0	2.6
May	17,289.8	1.9	2,330.0	2.4	2,022.5	3.0	517.5	1.7	612.8	1.4	6,774.5	2.1	3,903.0	1.1	368.7	0.4	457.8	0.7	74.0	3.1	228.9	3.0
Jun	17,499.4	1.8	2,354.9	2.6	2,056.0	3.0	521.1	2.2	620.7	2.1	6,797.4	1.7	3,984.3	0.8	381.3	-0.4	469.5	2.3	77.2	3.8	237.0	2.8
Jul	17,417.9	1.2	2,350.1	2.7	2,039.5	2.0	514.9	1.2	617.5	2.4	6,758.2	1.0	3,970.9	-0.2	382.4	0.6	469.9	2.7	74.5	1.2	240.1	1.5
Aug	17,391.9	1.3	2,347.0	2.4	2,032.5	1.9	519.6	3.0	612.3	1.5	6,787.2	1.3	3,938.1	0.0	381.9	0.8	463.3	1.5	76.5	1.9	233.4	1.1
Sep	17,230.2	1.6	2,315.9	1.9	2,020.2	2.3	522.5	3.6	607.0	1.3	6,718.9	1.7	3,917.5	0.5	372.8	0.9	458.4	2.3	73.0	1.7	224.1	-0.1
Oct	17,270.7	1.3	2,312.9	1.3	2,035.4	3.2	521.6	3.4	609.3	0.8	6,754.6	1.1	3,912.5	0.4	371.1	1.5	462.1	1.8	70.2	-1.8	221.0	0.5
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Oct07	16,845.7		2,261.1		1,956.8		501.6		595.8		6,584.2		3,848.7		362.6		447.2		69.9		217.7	
Jan-Oct08	17,138.2		2,317.0		2,012.3		511.6		606.5		6,693.6		3,884.1		366.9		453.3		71.0		221.9	
% Change	1.7		2.5		2.8		2.0		1.8		1.7		0.9		1.2		1.4		1.5		1.9	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1998	33.9		32.5		34.8		35.0		34.3		34.5		33.1		34.9		34.0		34.8		34.0	
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	35.0	0.6	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.3	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.6	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.2	2.2	35.7	2.0	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.7	0.3	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.4	1.1	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.0	35.7	0.0	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.4	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.1	-0.8	34.5	-1.4
2002	33.5	-0.9	32.0	-0.6	34.9	-2.2	34.1	-1.7	33.3	-2.1	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	33.4	-1.2	34.5	-1.7	34.2	-0.9
2003	32.9	-1.8	31.8	-0.6	34.7	-0.6	33.7	-1.2	33.3	0.0	33.2	-2.4	31.9	-2.1	34.1	-1.4	32.9	-1.5	33.9	-1.7	33.3	-2.6
2004	33.3	1.2	32.3	1.6	34.9	0.6	33.8	0.3	33.3	0.0	33.7	1.5	32.3	1.3	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-2.4	33.0	-2.7	33.4	0.3
2005	33.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	35.5	1.7	34.4	1.8	33.4	0.3	33.8	0.3	32.5	0.6	34.2	1.2	33.1	3.1	33.8	2.4	34.1	2.1
2006	33.3	-0.6	32.5	-0.3	35.4	-0.3	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-1.5	34.3	0.3	32.9	-0.6	34.4	1.8	34.5	1.2
2007	33.3	0.0	32.9	1.2	35.8	1.1	34.8	0.9	33.8	1.2	33.5	0.3	31.6	-1.3	34.2	-0.3	33.3	1.2	33.8	-1.7	34.7	0.6
2007 Jan	33.6	-2.0	33.2	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.4	0.3	33.6	0.3	33.9	-1.7	32.0	-3.3	34.0	-1.4	33.6	0.0	33.0	-0.3	33.8	-0.3
Feb	33.3	-1.2	33.2	0.0	35.9	0.3	32.1	0.6	33.0	-0.9	33.4	-2.3	31.9	-2.1	34.0	0.0	33.2	0.6	32.1	-3.0	33.1	-3.2
Mar	32.7	-0.9	33.0	5.1	36.3	-0.3	34.6	-0.6	33.7	-2.3	31.7	-1.6	32.2	-2.7	34.3	-0.6	30.5	0.7	31.8	-5.1	33.6	-2.6
Apr	34.3	12.5	34.0	13.7	35.6	9.9	35.5	13.1	34.8	13.7	34.9	15.2	32.5	7.6	34.6	11.3	33.9	12.6	33.0	12.2	34.1	10.7
May	34.6	-0.3	33.8	0.0	35.8	-1.1	37.1	-1.9	34.5	-2.8	34.7	-0.9	33.7	1.2	35.4	-1.7	35.1	0.9	36.1	-5.7	35.5	-3.5
Jun	34.9	-0.3	33.8	-0.3	36.7	0.8	36.3	0.3	35.4	0.3	35.2	-0.6	33.5	-0.3	35.7	-0.6	35.3	2.9	37.6	-1.3	36.8	-3.2
Jul	31.1	-3.4	32.0	0.6	34.3	-1.2	33.6	0.3	32.0	0.6	32.6	0.0	25.6	-15.2	32.9	-2.1	32.3	-1.5	33.4	-1.8	35.3	0.3
Aug	31.7	-0.3	31.3	0.6	34.8	3.3	34.0	-2.0	32.4	0.3	32.1	-0.3	29.4	-1.7	32.0	-2.7	31.6	-0.6	33.1	-4.3	33.0	2.2
Sep	34.6	0.0	33.7	-0.9	37.0	1.9	37.2	2.5	35.5	1.4	34.8	-0.3	33.2	0.0	35.5	-2.2	34.4	-1.1	35.8	-1.6	36.4	3.1
Oct	30.7	0.0	30.7	0.0	33.5	1.5	32.6	0.9	31.0	1.3	30.4	-0.7	29.1	0.0	32.0	-1.2	31.1	1.0	32.4	-0.9	32.7	0.6
Nov	34.2	0.0	32.9	-1.8	36.9	1.7	35.2	1.4	34.6	2.1	34.4	-0.6	33.0	0.3	35.0	0.0	34.2	0.6	33.7	-3.2	35.9	3.2
Dec	34.2	-0.3	33.5	0.3	36.3	-1.6	35.4	0.0	34.7	1.8	34.5	0.6	32.9	-1.5	34.7	-1.7	34.4	-0.9	33.1	-2.4	35.6	-0.6
2008 Jan	33.8	0.6	33.0	-0.6	35.7	-1.4	34.2	-0.6	34.2	1.8	34.1	0.6	32.6	1.9	34.4	1.2	33.7	0.3	32.6	-1.2	34.3	1.5
Feb	33.5	0.6	32.9	-0.9	35.3	-1.7	33.5	4.4	32.9	-0.3	33.5	0.3	32.8	2.8	33.4	-1.8	33.3	0.3	32.1	0.0	35.0	5.7
Mar	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.6	36.5	0.6	34.5	-0.3	34.5	2.4	31.1	-1.9	32.2	0.0	33.6	-2.0	30.8	1.0	31.6	-0.6	33.5	-0.3
Apr	34.2	-0.3	33.3	-2.1	35.8	0.6	35.4	-0.3	34.3	-1.4	34.4	-1.4	33.1	1.8	34.3	-0.9	34.2	0.9	33.0	0.0	35.6	4.4
May	34.3	-0.9	33.2	-1.8	35.4	-1.1	37.3	0.5	34.7	0.6	34.4	-0.9	33.4	-0.9	35.3	-0.3	34.3	-2.3	36.1	0.0	36.7	3.4
Jun	34.6	-0.9	33.8	0.0	35.8	-2.5	36.4	0.3	34.6	-2.3	34.9	-0.9	33.2	-0.9	35.9	0.6	35.0	-0.8	36.6	-2.7	36.8	0.0
Jul	31.8	2.3	31.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.9	33.2	-1.2	32.1	0.3	32.0	-1.8	29.7	16.0	33.1	0.6	32.5	0.6	33.9	1.5	34.1	-3.4
Aug	31.3	-1.3	31.5	0.6	33.7	-3.2	33.8	-0.6	32.2	-0.6	31.5	-1.9	28.9	-1.7	32.6	1.9	31.4	-0.6	32.3	-2.4	31.8	-3.6
Sep	34.6	0.0	33.4	-0.9	36.7	-0.8	38.1	2.4	35.1	-1.1	34.7	-0.3	33.2	0.0	35.8	0.8	34.5	0.3	35.5	-0.8	36.1	-0.8
Oct	30.3	-1.3	30.1	-2.0	33.1	-1.2	31.9	-2.1	30.6	-1.3	29.9	-1.6	29.0	-0.3	31.8	-0.6	30.5	-1.9	31.7	-2.2	32.6	-0.3
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Oct07	33.2		32.9		35.6		34.7		33.6		33.4		31.3		34.0		33.1		33.8		34.4	
Jan-Oct08	33.1		32.6		35.2		34.8		33.5		33.1		31.8		34.0		33.0		33.5		34.7	
% Change	-0.2		-0.9		-1.2		0.3		-0.2		-1.0		1.6		-0.1		-0.2		-0.9		0.6	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
	Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1998	754.02		584.04		18.99		16.66		408.5		1,449.9		36.0		31.5	
1999	763.14		594.48		19.20		16.86		393.8	-3.6	1,500.5	3.5	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
2000	764.48	0.2	607.09	2.1	19.26	0.3	17.23	2.2	406.3	3.2	1,525.0	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
2001	780.91	2.1	616.03	1.5	19.60	1.8	17.59	2.1	382.3	-5.9	1,539.3	0.9	36.3	-1.6	31.2	-3.4
2002	787.66	0.9	638.67	3.7	19.91	1.6	18.27	3.9	392.2	2.6	1,572.8	2.2	35.8	-1.4	31.0	-0.6
2003	809.71	2.8	651.68	2.0	20.47	2.8	18.66	2.1	416.4	6.2	1,598.3	1.6	35.6	-0.6	30.8	-0.6
2004	793.81	-2.0	658.93	1.1	19.94	-2.6	18.74	0.4	436.9	4.9	1,625.8	1.7	36.3	2.0	31.2	1.3
2005	807.50	1.7	678.52	3.0	20.20	1.3	19.15	2.2	452.7	3.6	1,677.8	3.2	36.7	1.1	31.5	1.0
2006	836.11	3.5	698.28	2.9	20.87	3.3	19.67	2.7	463.9	2.5	1,731.6	3.2	36.5	-0.5	31.5	0.0
2007	881.25	5.4	712.93	2.1	21.92	5.0	20.11	2.2	495.7	6.9	1,770.6	2.3	37.0	1.4	31.8	1.0
2007 Jan	861.31	3.1	712.85	2.8	21.41	2.1	20.32	3.7	474.3	12.5	1,739.1	2.2	36.0	-3.0	32.4	-1.8
Feb	873.42	5.4	710.97	3.0	21.77	4.0	20.28	3.7	467.1	5.6	1,754.1	3.2	37.8	3.6	32.0	-1.2
Mar	874.10	5.6	709.98	2.7	21.65	3.4	20.10	3.6	482.6	6.2	1,763.2	3.1	37.0	1.1	31.9	6.3
Apr	865.93	5.5	717.00	2.9	21.54	4.1	20.30	3.8	485.6	8.0	1,740.3	1.2	37.9	16.3	32.9	12.7
May	871.90	3.9	707.38	2.1	21.57	4.0	20.05	3.4	495.9	7.7	1,778.7	2.1	37.8	1.6	32.7	-0.9
Jun	876.36	6.1	704.29	1.1	21.77	5.8	19.89	1.8	510.4	9.9	1,784.5	1.3	38.4	1.1	32.4	-1.5
Jul	880.48	7.5	707.57	1.8	21.94	7.7	19.78	1.9	513.2	4.0	1,774.4	2.3	36.8	1.7	30.6	0.3
Aug	895.26	8.2	718.92	2.5	22.12	7.4	19.89	2.1	514.4	5.4	1,776.8	2.4	36.7	3.7	29.8	-0.3
Sep	902.00	6.8	714.92	1.9	22.33	7.3	20.09	1.6	506.7	7.9	1,765.6	1.4	37.6	-2.3	32.6	-0.6
Oct	889.59	5.3	711.78	1.1	22.22	6.4	20.04	0.6	503.0	5.8	1,780.9	1.6	34.1	-1.7	29.7	0.3
Nov	886.36	3.1	719.30	1.6	22.25	3.2	20.24	0.0	505.2	6.1	1,792.6	3.4	36.6	-3.2	31.9	-1.2
Dec	895.24	4.1	720.01	1.6	22.36	4.5	20.37	1.1	490.5	4.1	1,796.8	2.8	37.7	1.9	32.4	0.0
2008 Jan	905.96	5.2	736.64	3.3	22.95	7.2	20.88	2.8	491.0	3.5	1,783.3	2.5	36.2	0.6	32.1	-0.9
Feb	891.76	2.1	734.99	3.4	22.71	4.3	20.90	3.1	481.2	3.0	1,793.9	2.3	35.6	-5.8	32.1	0.3
Mar	892.56	2.1	726.09	2.3	22.43	3.6	20.81	3.5	504.7	4.6	1,800.6	2.1	36.6	-1.1	31.8	-0.3
Apr	924.95	6.8	733.39	2.3	23.26	8.0	20.83	2.6	486.5	0.2	1,818.0	4.5	36.9	-2.6	32.4	-1.5
May	921.69	5.7	740.89	4.7	23.12	7.2	20.97	4.6	496.9	0.2	1,833.1	3.1	37.1	-1.9	32.2	-1.5
Jun	915.74	4.5	748.72	6.3	22.79	4.7	21.04	5.8	507.4	-0.6	1,847.5	3.5	38.2	-0.5	32.6	0.6
Jul	901.58	2.4	756.44	6.9	22.52	2.6	20.91	5.7	530.8	3.4	1,819.4	2.5	36.7	-0.3	30.4	-0.7
Aug	904.06	1.0	743.82	3.5	22.44	1.4	20.70	4.1	528.5	2.7	1,818.5	2.3	36.4	-0.8	30.0	0.7
Sep	900.92	-0.1	761.36	6.5	22.60	1.2	21.42	6.6	515.6	1.8	1,800.3	2.0	37.5	-0.3	32.3	-0.9
Oct	928.77	4.4	761.53	7.0	22.96	3.3	21.54	7.5	500.8	-0.4	1,812.2	1.8	33.5	-1.8	29.2	-1.7
Nov																
Dec																
Average:																
Jan-Oct07	879.04		711.57		21.83		20.07		495.3		1,765.8		37.0		31.7	
Jan-Oct08	908.80		744.39		22.78		21.00		504.3		1,812.7		36.5		31.5	
% Change	3.4		4.6		4.3		4.6		1.8		2.7		-1.5		-0.6	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous)

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3.2A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	754.02		448.71		899.86		965.38		748.01		728.54	
1999	763.14		518.47		943.23		919.16		756.61		706.60	
2000	764.48	0.2	443.18	-14.5	945.49	0.2	952.59	3.6	750.08	-0.9	737.24	4.3
2001	780.91	2.1	463.69	4.6	974.68	3.1	945.04	-0.8	762.88	1.7	786.23	6.6
2002	787.66	0.9	458.57	-1.1	953.33	-2.2	980.51	3.8	784.68	2.9	778.14	-1.0
2003	809.71	2.8	479.92	4.7	968.26	1.6	1079.10	10.1	807.45	2.9	779.83	0.2
2004	793.81	-2.0	494.54	3.0	1019.25	5.3	998.53	-7.5	791.22	-2.0	784.30	0.6
2005	807.50	1.7	506.64	2.4	1047.49	2.8	1056.01	5.8	803.36	1.5	778.92	-0.7
2006	836.11	3.5	488.52	-3.6	1089.11	4.0	1089.09	3.1	826.97	2.9	823.56	5.7
2007	881.25	5.4	564.12	15.5	1116.85	2.5	1115.35	2.4	857.46	3.7	872.28	5.9
2007 Jan	861.31	3.1	520.61	2.6	1105.10	2.0	1143.37	12.1	821.57	-2.6	865.72	9.4
Feb	873.42	5.4	551.13	9.6	1077.65	-0.4	1327.62	42.2	836.85	1.2	864.41	6.1
Mar	874.10	5.6	556.59	4.7	1095.45	0.8	1257.00	-0.6	838.07	2.3	883.51	9.7
Apr	865.93	5.5	588.80	38.4	1031.82	-4.3	1114.07	-1.4	857.63	4.5	853.94	4.2
May	871.90	3.9	586.02	27.1	1036.89	-3.8	1105.66	-3.8	870.21	5.2	855.85	1.0
Jun	876.36	6.1	547.26	15.0	1079.00	1.0	1197.43	4.9	868.29	6.1	856.10	5.4
Jul	880.48	7.5	586.31	27.9	1124.82	4.2	1111.37	3.2	849.01	2.7	889.49	12.5
Aug	895.26	8.2	562.01	23.6	1128.08	6.4	1123.31	0.8	887.27	6.0	874.28	8.3
Sep	902.00	6.8	571.70	28.4	1228.29	11.0	1108.19	2.8	868.26	3.7	896.20	7.2
Oct	889.59	5.3	583.96	7.5	1189.31	6.0	1026.47	-0.9	853.48	5.4	883.36	4.1
Nov	886.36	3.1	545.70	-2.3	1141.36	3.4	981.91	-11.7	859.73	2.9	881.12	4.8
Dec	895.24	4.1	543.98	2.3	1159.28	5.3	1024.11	-2.7	879.16	6.8	862.74	-0.6
2008 Jan	905.96	5.2	515.24	-1.0	1122.72	1.6	1007.74	-11.9	904.98	10.2	889.53	2.8
Feb	891.76	2.1	628.35	14.0	1194.06	10.8	1059.71	-20.2	857.79	2.5	866.20	0.2
Mar	892.56	2.1	545.06	-2.1	1189.99	8.6	1127.41	-10.3	846.73	1.0	900.53	1.9
Apr	924.95	6.8	574.74	-2.4	1186.57	15.0	1074.81	-3.5	911.91	6.3	901.21	5.5
May	921.69	5.7	513.97	-12.3	1110.89	7.1	1305.76	18.1	893.56	2.7	920.97	7.6
Jun	915.74	4.5	502.77	-8.1	1142.92	5.9	1206.68	0.8	893.90	2.9	916.35	7.0
Jul	901.58	2.4	517.17	-11.8	1200.99	6.8	1179.26	6.1	874.33	3.0	888.46	-0.1
Aug	904.06	1.0	559.21	-0.5	1180.74	4.7	1261.59	12.3	879.46	-0.9	890.89	1.9
Sep	900.92	-0.1	541.63	-5.3	1201.68	-2.2	1224.56	10.5	858.29	-1.1	884.74	-1.3
Oct	928.77	4.4	494.91	-15.2	1224.57	3.0	1220.47	18.9	880.19	3.1	932.10	5.5
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Oct07	879.04		565.44		1109.64		1151.45		855.06		872.29	
Jan-Oct08	908.80		539.31		1175.51		1166.80		880.11		899.10	
% Change	3.4		-4.6		5.9		1.3		2.9		3.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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3.2B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	584.04		720.07		481.79		631.81		750.34		725.43		614.73		328.88		767.01		621.21	
1999	594.48		733.87		503.61		627.82		776.25		738.95		624.62		318.75		791.92		628.82	
2000	607.09	2.1	730.56	-0.5	489.95	-2.7	677.15	7.9	778.28	0.3	766.76	3.8	635.84	1.8	338.07	6.1	813.88	2.8	639.37	1.7
2001	616.03	1.5	770.96	5.5	488.29	-0.3	682.44	0.8	808.78	3.9	745.10	-2.8	660.53	3.9	344.40	1.9	825.90	1.5	648.19	1.4
2002	638.67	3.7	801.51	4.0	502.66	2.9	732.43	7.3	850.34	5.1	776.52	4.2	688.72	4.3	334.46	-2.9	889.68	7.7	668.04	3.1
2003	651.68	2.0	803.93	0.3	522.83	4.0	728.90	-0.5	859.44	1.1	791.53	1.9	707.75	2.8	350.03	4.7	906.69	1.9	683.68	2.3
2004	658.93	1.1	788.53	-1.9	521.95	-0.2	721.30	-1.0	841.32	-2.1	825.68	4.3	732.99	3.6	362.56	3.6	911.87	0.6	686.74	0.4
2005	678.52	3.0	838.68	6.4	522.12	0.0	732.85	1.6	930.40	10.6	852.02	3.2	727.40	-0.8	385.89	6.4	952.45	4.5	704.49	2.6
2006	698.28	2.9	853.73	1.8	560.93	7.4	767.73	4.8	953.97	2.5	848.00	-0.5	749.46	3.0	375.41	-2.7	990.00	3.9	726.02	3.1
2007	712.93	2.1	873.77	2.3	577.42	2.9	773.66	0.8	973.70	2.1	843.70	-0.5	741.20	-1.1	394.13	5.0	1013.49	2.4	747.84	3.0
2007 Jan	712.85	2.8	851.13	-1.7	585.36	5.8	749.38	-5.0	981.07	8.5	838.91	0.1	771.93	5.0	378.56	43.1	1015.38	5.6	743.37	3.2
Feb	710.97	3.0	857.76	0.8	567.16	0.3	738.92	-1.4	978.13	5.7	824.45	-3.2	766.63	5.3	378.82	43.5	1015.69	3.4	743.33	3.7
Mar	709.98	2.7	858.77	1.4	558.53	-0.3	787.74	3.9	1020.68	12.6	825.77	-1.8	751.79	0.6	378.66	42.5	1036.14	11.2	743.18	3.5
Apr	717.00	2.9	863.23	-0.8	604.33	12.4	761.78	-0.5	981.21	-0.4	823.03	-6.2	738.42	-0.8	394.91	51.3	1033.86	8.4	748.06	3.8
May	707.38	2.1	854.23	-0.6	582.72	5.7	787.21	4.6	934.87	-1.5	833.67	-1.2	727.68	-2.4	391.65	42.6	1029.73	4.3	741.59	2.7
Jun	704.29	1.1	851.65	-2.4	575.91	4.0	781.55	0.0	931.67	-2.6	861.85	1.3	700.94	-5.6	393.19	44.0	1037.43	4.0	740.27	2.4
Jul	707.57	1.8	896.73	5.1	587.82	3.2	748.64	-3.3	955.98	-4.2	872.91	0.6	720.73	-0.3	407.78	54.6	1028.34	8.5	744.19	3.2
Aug	718.92	2.5	900.18	8.6	586.52	3.3	762.65	-4.9	1003.47	3.4	906.42	4.4	739.71	-2.3	427.26	57.7	1017.89	-0.9	756.53	3.9
Sep	714.92	1.9	894.00	9.2	577.03	3.6	777.84	-3.5	983.81	3.1	845.80	2.0	728.18	-5.6	411.82	52.1	985.49	-4.3	754.74	3.4
Oct	711.78	1.1	901.87	7.0	576.03	2.0	784.12	-4.3	944.22	0.2	837.49	1.7	740.23	-3.4	399.72	50.8	972.72	-4.7	748.87	2.2
Nov	719.30	1.6	850.15	-3.1	580.29	2.5	804.81	10.5	955.38	-2.0	846.47	0.2	743.62	-3.5	388.35	48.7	1003.10	-2.0	753.78	1.9
Dec	720.01	1.6	906.16	5.7	548.24	-6.4	794.14	14.9	1017.81	3.6	835.64	-1.3	767.70	0.8	375.29	43.5	989.78	-3.4	755.66	2.2
2008 Jan	736.64	3.3	923.14	8.5	557.35	-4.8	831.60	11.0	1012.60	3.2	871.47	3.9	770.54	-0.2	370.23	-2.2	1018.47	0.3	771.68	3.8
Feb	734.99	3.4	946.82	10.4	586.02	3.3	830.82	12.4	962.82	-1.6	859.58	4.3	763.05	-0.5	351.44	-7.2	1021.94	0.6	766.55	3.1
Mar	726.09	2.3	922.01	7.4	563.52	0.9	819.91	4.1	954.48	-6.5	878.21	6.4	775.66	3.2	365.70	-3.4	1040.07	0.4	761.02	2.4
Apr	733.39	2.3	935.11	8.3	571.63	-5.4	846.99	11.2	978.13	-0.3	877.77	6.7	768.47	4.1	369.99	-6.3	1022.63	-1.1	772.40	3.3
May	740.89	4.7	953.99	11.7	594.01	1.9	824.35	4.7	932.29	-0.3	912.96	9.5	785.68	8.0	387.21	-1.1	1021.36	-0.8	777.77	4.9
Jun	748.72	6.3	862.29	1.2	597.57	3.8	807.24	3.3	993.25	6.6	923.54	7.2	793.33	13.2	395.96	0.7	1045.93	0.8	782.92	5.8
Jul	756.44	6.9	909.25	1.4	619.85	5.4	782.22	4.5	956.30	0.0	970.46	11.2	797.81	10.7	442.29	8.5	1043.13	1.4	788.11	5.9
Aug	743.82	3.5	899.87	0.0	599.35	2.2	839.31	10.1	965.97	-3.7	929.31	2.5	795.96	7.6	449.27	5.2	1020.17	0.2	777.68	2.8
Sep	761.36	6.5	916.75	2.5	625.52	8.4	855.08	9.9	1007.28	2.4	908.61	7.4	803.97	10.4	423.83	2.9	1038.32	5.4	790.43	4.7
Oct	761.53	7.0	934.62	3.6	629.25	9.2	844.56	7.7	1018.28	7.8	916.79	9.5	789.32	6.6	401.78	0.5	1032.51	6.1	795.65	6.2
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Oct07	711.57		872.96		580.14		767.98		971.51		847.03		738.62		396.24		1017.27		746.41	
Jan-Oct08	744.39		920.39		594.41		828.21		978.14		904.87		784.38		395.77		1030.45		778.42	
% Change	4.6		5.4		2.5		7.8		0.7		6.8		6.2		-0.1		1.3		4.3	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	18.99		12.04		21.23		25.21		18.94		18.62	
1999	19.20		13.72		21.93		24.16		19.14		18.23	
2000	19.26	0.3	11.38	-17.1	22.71	3.6	24.75	2.4	18.95	-1.0	18.93	3.8
2001	19.60	1.8	11.92	4.7	22.80	0.4	24.76	0.0	19.29	1.8	19.89	5.1
2002	19.91	1.6	11.83	-0.8	22.32	-2.1	25.92	4.7	19.88	3.1	20.02	0.7
2003	20.47	2.8	12.77	7.9	23.20	3.9	28.13	8.5	20.47	3.0	19.91	-0.5
2004	19.94	-2.6	12.61	-1.3	24.00	3.4	25.81	-8.2	20.01	-2.2	19.78	-0.7
2005	20.20	1.3	12.69	0.6	24.19	0.8	27.57	6.8	20.31	1.5	19.57	-1.1
2006	20.87	3.3	12.74	0.4	25.21	4.2	28.00	1.6	20.92	3.0	20.52	4.9
2007	21.92	5.0	14.48	13.7	25.42	0.8	28.91	3.3	21.61	3.3	21.84	6.4
2007 Jan	21.41	2.1	13.22	-1.2	25.34	3.5	29.58	8.0	20.70	-3.4	21.76	9.1
Feb	21.77	4.0	14.39	1.2	24.78	-1.4	34.11	34.7	21.16	0.1	21.63	6.7
Mar	21.65	3.4	14.23	-3.8	25.07	-1.4	31.54	1.9	21.01	0.6	21.99	8.0
Apr	21.54	4.1	14.91	19.5	24.36	-2.6	27.80	-3.8	21.43	2.7	21.43	4.5
May	21.57	4.0	14.63	18.8	24.26	0.2	28.27	-5.4	21.73	4.0	21.23	3.3
Jun	21.77	5.8	13.19	2.3	24.76	-0.5	30.54	3.8	21.84	6.2	21.53	6.6
Jul	21.94	7.7	14.11	23.8	26.16	2.5	28.54	1.7	21.67	4.6	22.01	11.8
Aug	22.12	7.4	13.89	15.6	25.60	2.4	29.08	4.9	22.23	6.0	21.73	7.9
Sep	22.33	7.3	14.41	27.2	26.47	6.2	29.80	11.8	21.95	4.2	22.39	8.3
Oct	22.22	6.4	15.49	21.5	26.17	2.8	26.79	-0.1	21.74	5.9	22.32	6.0
Nov	22.25	3.2	15.99	18.3	26.16	1.0	26.97	-6.3	21.77	2.3	22.09	4.1
Dec	22.36	4.5	16.17	25.1	25.82	-0.8	26.52	-1.6	22.09	6.4	21.95	1.5
2008 Jan	22.95	7.2	14.43	9.2	26.65	5.2	26.84	-9.3	23.02	11.2	22.58	3.8
Feb	22.71	4.3	17.06	18.6	27.27	10.0	27.98	-18.0	22.13	4.6	22.33	3.2
Mar	22.43	3.6	13.75	-3.4	26.43	5.4	29.56	-6.3	21.58	2.7	22.95	4.4
Apr	23.26	8.0	14.17	-5.0	26.42	8.5	28.74	3.4	23.11	7.8	23.22	8.4
May	23.12	7.2	14.14	-3.3	26.32	8.5	32.31	14.3	22.62	4.1	23.15	9.0
Jun	22.79	4.7	12.95	-1.8	25.70	3.8	30.82	0.9	22.45	2.8	23.12	7.4
Jul	22.52	2.6	13.23	-6.2	27.25	4.2	29.53	3.5	22.03	1.7	22.59	2.6
Aug	22.44	1.4	13.14	-5.4	27.30	6.6	31.83	9.5	22.00	-1.0	22.46	3.4
Sep	22.60	1.2	13.85	-3.9	27.22	2.8	30.76	3.2	21.81	-0.6	22.59	0.9
Oct	22.96	3.3	13.56	-12.5	27.43	4.8	31.30	16.8	22.05	1.4	23.13	3.6
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Oct07	21.83		14.25		25.30		29.61		21.55		21.80	
Jan-Oct08	22.78		14.03		26.80		29.97		22.28		22.81	
% Change	4.3		-1.5		5.9		1.2		3.4		4.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	16.66		18.67		13.58		17.27		19.63		22.20		18.78		10.42		20.94		17.17	
1999	16.86		19.03		14.09		17.15		20.47		22.02		18.98		10.29		21.56		17.34	
2000	17.23	2.2	18.70	-1.7	13.95	-1.0	18.41	7.3	20.36	-0.5	23.05	4.7	19.29	1.6	10.81	5.1	21.88	1.5	17.64	1.7
2001	17.59	2.1	20.06	7.3	13.96	0.1	18.62	1.1	21.42	5.2	22.71	-1.5	20.17	4.6	10.95	1.3	22.56	3.1	17.98	1.9
2002	18.27	3.9	20.38	1.6	14.45	3.5	19.92	7.0	22.52	5.1	23.66	4.2	21.03	4.3	11.09	1.3	23.93	6.1	18.59	3.4
2003	18.66	2.1	20.43	0.2	14.93	3.3	19.78	-0.7	22.71	0.8	24.27	2.6	21.91	4.2	11.28	1.7	24.40	2.0	19.02	2.3
2004	18.74	0.4	19.95	-2.3	14.94	0.1	19.80	0.1	22.11	-2.6	25.04	3.2	22.04	0.6	11.57	2.6	24.81	1.7	18.99	-0.2
2005	19.15	2.2	21.16	6.1	14.97	0.2	19.89	0.5	24.30	9.9	25.21	0.7	21.87	-0.8	12.00	3.7	25.88	4.3	19.36	1.9
2006	19.67	2.7	21.42	1.2	15.75	5.2	20.78	4.5	25.03	3.0	25.48	1.1	22.40	2.4	11.85	-1.3	26.54	2.6	19.91	2.8
2007	20.11	2.2	21.93	2.4	16.16	2.6	21.01	1.1	25.26	0.9	25.87	1.5	22.50	0.4	12.40	4.6	27.21	2.5	20.49	2.9
2007 Jan	20.32	3.7	21.64	-0.7	16.45	4.4	20.42	-2.6	25.23	6.8	26.68	9.2	23.31	3.7	12.06	0.0	27.34	6.0	20.54	3.4
Feb	20.28	3.7	21.88	3.0	16.18	0.7	20.41	1.3	25.48	5.2	25.59	-0.9	23.24	6.4	12.29	5.3	27.21	3.5	20.57	3.8
Mar	20.10	3.6	21.54	1.3	15.88	0.7	21.07	3.5	26.01	9.4	25.35	2.1	22.95	3.3	11.94	2.0	27.74	9.6	20.41	3.6
Apr	20.30	3.8	21.47	-1.2	16.53	7.8	20.80	1.5	25.31	-1.6	25.85	0.0	22.93	3.7	12.50	8.9	27.70	7.8	20.56	4.0
May	20.05	3.4	21.61	0.4	16.11	5.0	21.16	3.1	24.41	-1.5	25.74	2.4	22.54	2.4	12.43	10.3	27.44	3.9	20.36	3.6
Jun	19.89	1.8	21.42	-1.9	15.87	2.1	21.01	-1.3	24.27	-3.1	25.66	1.2	22.13	0.7	12.44	6.1	27.69	3.1	20.29	2.8
Jul	19.78	1.9	22.30	5.5	16.31	3.8	20.34	-3.1	24.87	-5.6	25.99	3.3	21.97	1.3	12.51	8.2	27.32	6.4	20.24	3.2
Aug	19.89	2.1	22.56	6.7	16.13	1.9	20.72	-3.8	25.93	2.3	26.21	4.1	22.31	-0.4	12.57	9.8	27.09	0.4	20.37	3.3
Sep	20.09	1.6	22.19	7.9	16.20	4.1	21.03	-3.2	25.37	0.8	26.24	4.0	21.92	-4.2	12.61	3.9	26.29	-4.5	20.57	2.9
Oct	20.04	0.6	22.58	7.7	16.12	2.4	21.29	-3.3	24.58	-1.6	25.66	0.1	22.21	-3.6	12.34	0.2	26.50	-2.7	20.49	1.8
Nov	20.24	0.0	21.72	-2.5	16.35	2.4	21.63	7.4	25.33	-1.2	25.36	-5.7	22.26	-3.6	12.43	-0.2	27.31	0.1	20.65	0.6
Dec	20.37	1.1	22.23	3.1	15.85	-3.6	22.06	14.8	26.38	2.3	26.32	1.3	22.26	-3.6	12.68	2.4	26.91	-2.3	20.77	1.9
2008 Jan	20.88	2.8	23.27	7.5	15.87	-3.5	22.67	11.0	25.85	2.5	27.30	2.3	22.60	-3.0	12.86	6.6	27.66	1.2	21.31	3.7
Feb	20.90	3.1	23.96	9.5	16.43	1.5	22.60	10.7	25.28	-0.8	26.55	3.8	23.08	-0.7	12.42	1.1	27.90	2.5	21.27	3.4
Mar	20.81	3.5	23.26	8.0	16.19	2.0	22.94	8.9	25.07	-3.6	26.90	6.1	23.53	2.5	12.60	5.5	28.41	2.4	21.15	3.6
Apr	20.83	2.6	23.30	8.5	16.32	-1.3	22.84	9.8	25.52	0.8	26.46	2.4	22.86	-0.3	12.81	2.5	27.95	0.9	21.32	3.7
May	20.97	4.6	24.31	12.5	16.78	4.2	22.52	6.4	24.82	1.7	27.33	6.2	23.06	2.3	12.75	2.6	27.32	-0.4	21.41	5.2
Jun	21.04	5.8	22.60	5.5	16.95	6.8	21.99	4.7	25.97	7.0	26.94	5.0	23.70	7.1	12.88	3.5	28.13	1.6	21.40	5.5
Jul	20.91	5.7	23.03	3.3	16.96	4.0	21.75	6.9	25.40	2.1	27.21	4.7	23.55	7.2	13.61	8.8	27.73	1.5	21.26	5.0
Aug	20.70	4.1	22.68	0.5	16.50	2.3	23.29	12.4	25.78	-0.6	26.46	1.0	23.99	7.5	13.35	6.2	27.52	1.6	21.07	3.4
Sep	21.42	6.6	23.48	5.8	17.28	6.7	23.34	11.0	26.69	5.2	26.95	2.7	24.26	10.7	13.27	5.2	28.02	6.6	21.66	5.3
Oct	21.54	7.5	24.48	8.4	17.40	7.9	23.13	8.6	26.46	7.6	27.18	5.9	23.97	7.9	13.03	5.6	27.91	5.3	21.83	6.5
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Oct07	20.07		21.92		16.18		20.83		25.15		25.90		22.55		12.37		27.23		20.44	
Jan-Oct08	21.00		23.44		16.67		22.71		25.68		26.93		23.46		12.96		27.86		21.37	
% Change	4.6		6.9		3.0		9.0		2.1		4.0		4.0		4.8		2.3		4.5	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing: Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied		Construction	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1998	408.5		33.0		30.2		3.4		17.7		195.9		25.6		43.4		22.7		117.2	
1999	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	30.0	-0.7	3.8	11.8	14.8	-16.4	191.8	-2.1	21.6	-15.6	42.4	-2.3	22.4	-1.3	114.3	-2.5
2000	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	35.5	18.3	4.3	13.2	12.8	-13.5	202.5	5.6	23.4	8.3	45.7	7.8	17.8	-20.5	111.1	-2.8
2001	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	24.7	-30.4	4.7	9.3	11.3	-11.7	194.9	-3.8	25.6	9.4	48.9	7.0	15.0	-15.7	110.7	-0.4
2002	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	25.3	2.4	3.1	-34.0	9.2	-18.6	196.6	0.9	27.0	5.5	43.8	-10.4	17.0	13.3	118.1	6.7
2003	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	27.7	9.5	4.6	48.4	13.3	44.6	206.8	5.2	31.7	17.4	49.0	11.9	14.4	-15.3	119.8	1.4
2004	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	21.5	-22.4	2.9	-37.0	11.1	-16.5	211.2	2.1	31.4	-0.9	46.9	-4.3	12.0	-16.7	144.0	20.2
2005	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	21.6	0.5	2.1	-27.6	13.8	24.3	198.2	-6.2	31.5	0.3	45.8	-2.3	12.3	2.5	168.0	16.7
2006	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	21.7	0.5	2.7	28.6	19.4	40.6	197.5	-0.4	24.4	-22.5	44.8	-2.2	15.1	22.8	179.3	6.7
2007	495.7	6.9	36.2	4.3	24.3	12.0	2.9	7.4	20.0	3.1	205.1	3.8	28.3	16.0	44.7	-0.2	15.2	0.7	196.9	9.8
2007 Jan	474.3	12.5	30.0	3.1	23.1	43.5	1.7	-51.4	24.0	38.7	200.0	8.2	27.7	33.2	35.8	-21.5	14.3	17.2	187.5	15.8
Feb	467.1	5.6	31.4	0.0	20.7	10.1	n.a.	n.a	23.9	55.2	203.3	1.7	25.8	-5.8	37.2	-19.1	15.9	24.2	177.2	7.1
Mar	482.6	6.2	31.8	-8.4	20.2	-0.5	1.9	-26.9	20.0	34.2	215.3	5.6	27.8	14.9	45.1	-10.5	16.7	36.9	185.1	8.4
Apr	485.6	8.0	32.0	-11.1	20.3	28.5	4.0	60.0	18.7	15.4	210.5	6.1	30.1	10.7	41.0	-14.0	16.5	14.6	191.3	9.9
May	495.9	7.7	36.9	0.3	23.7	20.9	3.0	7.1	18.7	2.7	207.4	1.8	28.2	6.8	42.9	-11.7	17.9	-2.7	197.7	15.3
Jun	510.4	9.9	37.8	8.3	27.3	12.3	1.8	-52.6	21.0	19.3	209.7	8.3	25.1	10.1	49.4	18.2	14.5	-18.5	203.5	12.2
Jul	513.2	4.0	41.7	4.5	26.8	7.2	2.2	-21.4	19.8	10.0	212.6	4.5	26.0	20.9	53.3	17.1	16.3	7.2	198.2	1.6
Aug	514.4	5.4	40.6	1.2	25.0	1.2	6.1	64.9	19.7	-5.3	203.4	4.4	25.7	25.4	55.4	21.2	16.4	0.6	208.2	6.9
Sep	506.7	7.9	40.3	11.9	24.0	1.7	3.5	94.4	18.5	-21.6	209.6	9.0	29.6	24.9	54.2	35.2	14.4	-19.1	200.2	9.2
Oct	503.0	5.8	41.9	22.5	26.9	15.5	3.2	33.3	19.7	-19.3	202.9	3.5	31.1	24.4	46.1	16.1	12.3	-15.8	195.7	5.9
Nov	505.2	6.1	35.5	12.0	27.3	5.8	2.6	n.a	16.7	-31.6	202.5	1.5	30.4	23.1	41.3	-4.0	13.8	-9.2	208.1	13.4
Dec	490.5	4.1	35.0	10.8	26.7	14.6	3.1	93.8	19.4	-9.3	183.6	-7.9	32.3	14.1	34.9	-20.9	13.7	0.0	209.5	13.5
2008 Jan	491.0	3.5	37.7	25.7	22.6	-2.2	3.2	88.2	20.2	-15.8	187.3	-6.3	32.8	18.4	29.3	-18.2	19.4	35.7	205.5	9.6
Feb	481.2	3.0	33.9	8.0	22.0	6.3	3.1	n.a	19.9	-16.7	181.6	-10.7	31.6	22.5	29.1	-21.8	15.5	-2.5	206.3	16.4
Mar	504.7	4.6	36.5	14.8	22.4	10.9	2.5	31.6	18.5	-7.5	195.0	-9.4	34.4	23.7	34.7	-23.1	16.5	-1.2	214.2	15.7
Apr	486.5	0.2	34.7	8.4	17.1	-15.8	1.8	-55.0	24.9	33.2	180.2	-14.4	22.6	-24.9	34.3	-16.3	14.1	-14.5	214.5	12.1
May	496.9	0.2	30.5	-17.3	19.5	-17.7	1.8	-40.0	24.0	28.3	189.5	-8.6	26.2	-7.1	40.4	-5.8	11.1	-38.0	218.7	10.6
Jun	507.4	-0.6	35.0	-7.4	19.6	-28.2	1.6	-11.1	25.0	19.0	191.2	-8.8	27.7	10.4	39.9	-19.2	10.9	-24.8	221.7	8.9
Jul	530.8	3.4	36.8	-11.8	18.0	-32.8	0.0	n.a	27.5	38.9	199.2	-6.3	34.3	31.9	39.6	-25.7	11.3	-30.7	233.3	17.7
Aug	528.5	2.7	40.7	0.2	13.1	-47.6	2.5	-59.0	28.8	46.2	187.9	-7.6	32.0	24.5	37.6	-32.1	11.3	-31.1	240.2	15.4
Sep	515.6	1.8	33.6	-16.6	12.8	-46.7	2.1	-40.0	29.9	61.6	185.5	-11.5	29.7	0.3	35.8	-33.9	11.1	-22.9	237.1	18.4
Oct	500.8	-0.4	32.0	-23.6	13.0	-51.7	2.4	-25.0	29.1	47.7	181.8	-10.4	31.1	0.0	31.2	-32.3	12.4	0.8	227.3	16.1
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Oct07	495.3		36.4		23.8		n.a.		20.4		207.5		27.7		46.0		15.5		194.5	
Jan-Oct08	504.3		35.1		18.0		n.a.		24.8		187.9		30.2		35.2		13.4		221.9	
% Change	1.8		-3.6		-24.3		n.a.		21.5		-9.4		9.1		-23.6		-13.9		14.1	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1998	1,449.9		105.6		289.7		122.3		838.5		118.3		197.4		146.8		93.8		1,858.4	
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	866.3	3.3	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	92.5	-1.4	1,894.4	1.9
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	896.5	3.5	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	92.4	-0.1	1,931.3	1.9
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	913.1	1.9	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	89.5	-3.1	1,921.6	-0.5
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	923.6	1.1	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	88.1	-1.6	1,965.0	2.3
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	933.3	1.1	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	93.0	5.6	2,014.7	2.5
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	967.1	3.6	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	97.2	4.5	2,062.7	2.4
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	996.5	3.0	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	95.1	-2.2	2,130.5	3.3
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	1,029.1	3.3	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	91.3	-4.0	2,195.5	3.1
2007	1,770.6	2.3	125.6	5.1	365.0	3.2	145.0	5.1	1,039.1	1.0	156.1	0.1	239.7	3.2	172.7	1.3	95.9	5.0	2,266.3	3.2
2007 Jan	1,739.1	2.2	119.4	-2.1	350.8	0.1	137.6	7.5	1,036.7	3.1	161.8	1.4	233.9	11.1	173.8	1.6	94.7	0.1	2,213.4	4.3
Feb	1,754.1	3.2	130.5	4.1	354.4	-0.3	139.9	8.1	1,041.2	4.3	169.8	5.1	243.2	14.1	167.0	-1.1	88.1	-2.8	2,221.2	3.7
Mar	1,763.2	3.1	124.5	1.1	356.0	-0.7	149.2	12.4	1,041.9	3.8	169.3	6.5	248.5	10.8	168.5	5.8	91.6	-1.3	2,245.8	3.7
Apr	1,740.3	1.2	120.9	0.8	346.9	-3.8	145.2	12.1	1,034.0	1.6	163.4	3.4	241.6	7.8	164.9	-0.9	93.4	2.2	2,225.9	2.6
May	1,778.7	2.1	127.1	4.0	365.7	0.8	149.4	12.9	1,042.5	1.1	163.4	4.8	234.4	-1.2	169.1	0.4	94.1	1.2	2,274.6	3.3
Jun	1,784.5	1.3	128.1	2.4	365.7	-0.1	148.0	8.5	1,045.3	0.0	155.8	-2.3	242.0	-0.7	178.8	4.0	97.5	10.2	2,294.9	3.1
Jul	1,774.4	2.3	130.8	11.5	377.0	9.1	150.0	5.9	1,017.3	-1.6	121.4	-11.8	239.1	-2.6	176.3	0.9	99.3	3.5	2,287.6	2.7
Aug	1,776.8	2.4	126.2	6.9	377.3	9.6	149.2	2.8	1,026.4	-1.4	119.1	-8.9	235.3	-2.8	191.6	7.9	97.7	12.8	2,291.3	3.1
Sep	1,765.6	1.4	122.9	4.0	364.0	4.2	143.8	1.9	1,038.4	-0.7	159.0	1.3	236.5	-0.7	172.5	0.2	96.7	11.7	2,272.4	2.8
Oct	1,780.9	1.6	120.5	6.0	374.2	8.1	142.6	-0.6	1,046.5	-1.2	160.5	-0.5	243.7	2.0	171.4	-1.8	97.0	6.6	2,283.9	2.5
Nov	1,792.6	3.4	125.8	10.8	378.0	6.7	142.7	-4.1	1,048.9	2.6	163.7	0.1	241.9	5.6	169.7	-0.2	97.2	3.0	2,297.8	4.0
Dec	1,796.8	2.8	131.2	13.7	370.4	5.6	141.9	-3.9	1,050.1	0.5	166.5	-1.5	235.9	-1.4	168.5	-1.4	103.3	15.2	2,287.3	3.1
2008 Jan	1,783.3	2.5	126.5	5.9	349.1	-0.5	145.1	5.5	1,068.7	3.1	175.2	8.3	246.3	5.3	164.5	-5.4	94.0	-0.7	2,274.3	2.8
Feb	1,793.9	2.3	128.4	-1.6	355.7	0.4	147.9	5.7	1,062.8	2.1	165.9	-2.3	240.9	-0.9	173.5	3.9	99.2	12.6	2,275.1	2.4
Mar	1,800.6	2.1	130.0	4.4	362.8	1.9	134.1	-10.1	1,069.7	2.7	161.5	-4.6	240.6	-3.2	175.9	4.4	104.0	13.5	2,305.3	2.6
Apr	1,818.0	4.5	130.4	7.9	357.8	3.1	142.2	-2.1	1,081.9	4.6	168.4	3.1	233.1	-3.5	183.4	11.2	105.9	13.4	2,304.5	3.5
May	1,833.1	3.1	127.9	0.6	350.2	-4.2	150.8	0.9	1,095.2	5.1	171.1	4.7	239.5	2.2	185.3	9.6	109.0	15.8	2,330.0	2.4
Jun	1,847.5	3.5	137.1	7.0	358.0	-2.1	144.9	-2.1	1,100.7	5.3	174.1	11.7	244.6	1.1	182.5	2.1	106.8	9.5	2,354.9	2.6
Jul	1,819.4	2.5	131.7	0.7	348.2	-7.6	155.4	3.6	1,077.9	6.0	140.9	16.1	245.9	2.8	183.2	3.9	106.3	7.0	2,350.1	2.7
Aug	1,818.5	2.3	135.3	7.2	363.5	-3.7	142.0	-4.8	1,075.3	4.8	130.8	9.8	243.3	3.4	186.6	-2.6	102.4	4.8	2,347.0	2.4
Sep	1,800.3	2.0	129.2	5.1	343.1	-5.7	148.9	3.5	1,080.5	4.1	155.4	-2.3	253.0	7.0	174.3	1.0	98.7	2.1	2,315.9	1.9
Oct	1,812.2	1.8	125.3	4.0	346.9	-7.3	151.2	6.0	1,080.8	3.3	163.1	1.6	255.3	4.8	171.7	0.2	108.1	11.4	2,312.9	1.3
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Oct07	1,765.8		125.1		363.2		145.5		1,037.0		154.4		239.8		173.4		95.0		2,261.1	
Jan-Oct08	1,812.7		130.2		353.5		146.3		1,079.4		160.6		244.3		178.1		103.4		2,317.0	
% Change	2.7		4.1		-2.7		0.5		4.1		4.1		1.8		2.7		8.9		2.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1998	36.0		38.3		38.8		34.2		35.8		34.7	
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.1	39.0	0.5	33.0	-3.5	36.7	2.5	34.1	-1.7
2000	36.9	1.9	37.7	0.5	37.3	-4.4	35.6	7.9	37.5	2.2	35.4	3.8
2001	36.3	-1.6	38.6	2.4	37.6	0.8	34.4	-3.4	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.3
2002	35.8	-1.4	36.3	-6.0	37.8	0.5	33.4	-2.9	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2003	35.6	-0.6	36.4	0.3	37.9	0.3	34.4	3.0	35.6	-1.1	34.6	-1.1
2004	36.3	2.0	36.9	1.4	39.3	3.7	31.8	-7.6	36.0	1.1	36.2	4.6
2005	36.7	1.1	37.1	0.5	40.6	3.3	35.8	12.6	36.5	1.4	36.2	0.0
2006	36.5	-0.5	35.5	-4.3	40.2	-1.0	36.7	2.5	36.3	-0.5	35.9	-0.8
2007	37.0	1.4	36.4	2.5	40.5	0.7	35.5	-3.3	36.6	0.8	36.8	2.5
2007 Jan	36.0	-3.0	31.4	-0.6	44.0	4.8	38.1	11.4	36.6	-2.7	34.1	-6.8
Feb	37.8	3.6	31.3	3.3	47.9	26.7	41.4	15.3	38.1	3.3	35.7	-3.0
Mar	37.0	1.1	33.5	15.1	45.0	14.2	34.0	-22.6	36.6	-1.1	36.5	-0.3
Apr	37.9	16.3	37.3	15.1	36.7	-4.9	42.8	24.8	38.5	18.5	37.4	18.7
May	37.8	1.6	41.0	12.9	38.5	-1.3	37.6	2.2	37.4	1.9	37.4	0.0
Jun	38.4	1.1	38.7	4.6	42.2	3.4	41.5	1.5	37.3	-1.8	38.5	2.9
Jul	36.8	1.7	39.5	3.4	40.7	9.4	33.0	2.2	35.5	-3.0	36.9	4.2
Aug	36.7	3.7	40.2	12.3	35.8	-11.6	33.4	3.4	35.9	3.2	37.3	7.2
Sep	37.6	-2.3	36.8	-6.4	36.2	-16.6	33.7	-11.3	37.0	-2.4	38.8	2.9
Oct	34.1	-1.7	37.5	-11.8	38.6	-1.0	27.9	-14.7	32.7	-2.7	34.2	2.1
Nov	36.6	-3.2	30.1	-22.0	39.5	-5.7	28.4	-29.7	36.4	-1.9	37.8	1.6
Dec	37.7	1.9	35.3	6.6	41.8	-1.4	38.9	1.3	37.5	1.6	37.2	2.2
2008 Jan	36.2	0.6	34.4	9.6	38.0	-13.6	35.0	-8.1	36.7	0.3	35.8	5.0
Feb	35.6	-5.8	36.0	15.0	41.8	-12.7	32.7	-21.0	35.7	-6.3	34.4	-3.6
Mar	36.6	-1.1	38.9	16.1	42.0	-6.7	28.3	-16.8	37.1	1.4	35.2	-3.6
Apr	36.9	-2.6	39.3	5.4	38.6	5.2	36.7	-14.3	37.2	-3.4	35.8	-4.3
May	37.1	-1.9	41.0	0.0	39.0	1.3	32.5	-13.6	36.3	-2.9	37.0	-1.1
Jun	38.2	-0.5	37.9	-2.1	41.3	-2.1	37.2	-10.4	37.6	0.8	38.2	-0.8
Jul	36.7	-0.3	38.0	-3.8	42.1	3.4	33.5	1.5	35.2	-0.8	36.9	0.0
Aug	36.4	-0.8	42.7	6.2	38.6	7.8	33.2	-0.6	35.2	-1.9	36.2	-2.9
Sep	37.5	-0.3	39.9	8.4	41.8	15.5	34.2	1.5	37.4	1.1	36.7	-5.4
Oct	33.5	-1.8	36.3	-3.2	36.4	-5.7	31.8	14.0	33.5	2.4	32.7	-4.4
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Oct07	37.0		36.7		40.6		36.3		36.6		36.7	
Jan-Oct08	36.5		38.4		40.0		33.5		36.2		35.9	
% Change	-1.5		4.7		-1.5		-7.8		-1.0		-2.2	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1998	31.5		35.6		31.9		33.6		34.5		27.9		28.6		30.4		32.8		32.5	
1999	31.5	0.0	35.2	-1.1	31.8	-0.3	33.1	-1.5	35.1	1.7	27.9	0.0	29.5	3.1	29.8	-2.0	32.9	0.3	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.8	32.0	0.6	33.9	2.4	35.5	1.1	29.7	6.5	30.6	3.7	29.6	-0.7	34.2	4.0	33.2	2.2
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.2	-2.5	32.9	-2.9	33.8	-4.8	28.7	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	0.7	31.7	-7.3	32.2	-3.0
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	-0.3	33.3	1.2	34.0	0.6	29.0	1.0	29.1	0.7	28.0	-6.0	33.3	5.0	32.0	-0.6
2003	30.8	-0.6	35.8	2.9	30.8	-1.0	32.2	-3.3	34.2	0.6	28.1	-3.1	28.0	-3.8	29.0	3.6	32.2	-3.3	31.8	-0.6
2004	31.2	1.3	36.5	2.0	31.1	1.0	32.2	0.0	35.3	3.2	26.8	-4.6	29.1	3.9	29.3	1.0	32.3	0.3	32.3	1.6
2005	31.5	1.0	36.5	0.0	31.1	0.0	32.9	2.2	35.1	-0.6	28.4	6.0	29.9	2.7	29.4	0.3	32.5	0.6	32.6	0.9
2006	31.5	0.0	37.0	1.4	31.4	1.0	32.1	-2.4	34.4	-2.0	28.0	-1.4	30.0	0.3	29.2	-0.7	32.8	0.9	32.5	-0.3
2007	31.8	1.0	37.2	0.5	32.1	2.2	32.7	1.9	34.9	1.5	28.5	1.8	29.1	-3.0	28.9	-1.0	32.8	0.0	32.9	1.2
2007 Jan	32.4	-1.8	38.0	0.8	32.5	-0.6	34.4	-1.4	35.4	-6.3	31.2	-6.9	30.4	0.0	28.9	1.8	34.6	-2.0	33.2	-1.8
Feb	32.0	-1.2	36.0	-4.3	31.5	1.0	34.1	2.1	36.8	-0.3	30.0	-5.7	30.4	-3.5	28.4	4.4	35.2	0.3	33.2	0.0
Mar	31.9	6.3	38.0	5.6	32.0	4.2	32.8	0.3	36.3	5.5	27.9	50.0	29.9	7.2	29.2	4.3	32.9	3.8	33.0	5.1
Apr	32.9	12.7	37.6	9.6	33.7	15.8	32.9	11.1	36.0	16.9	30.5	7.0	29.2	9.4	29.9	8.7	36.0	22.9	34.0	13.7
May	32.7	-0.9	36.7	-1.6	34.0	4.9	33.0	0.0	35.6	-0.3	30.7	-3.5	29.9	-1.6	29.0	-0.7	34.9	-4.4	33.8	0.0
Jun	32.4	-1.5	36.4	-5.7	32.9	4.1	33.1	0.3	34.7	-1.7	32.6	-1.5	29.3	-5.5	29.5	-3.3	34.4	-0.3	33.8	-0.3
Jul	30.6	0.3	36.7	-3.7	31.7	0.6	31.8	10.0	34.3	1.2	18.7	7.5	27.1	-7.8	29.3	-4.2	31.1	-1.0	32.0	0.6
Aug	29.8	-0.3	37.0	-0.3	31.9	3.2	31.4	2.3	32.0	-3.9	14.5	-13.7	25.8	-8.5	29.4	-1.7	28.7	-2.0	31.3	0.6
Sep	32.6	-0.6	38.7	5.4	31.1	-4.9	33.7	0.9	36.1	0.6	30.8	-3.8	29.7	-7.2	30.4	2.4	31.2	-7.4	33.7	-0.9
Oct	29.7	0.3	34.7	0.9	30.3	0.0	30.6	4.4	31.7	-0.3	27.1	2.3	26.9	-5.6	29.0	0.0	28.1	-1.4	30.7	0.0
Nov	31.9	-1.2	38.0	0.5	31.2	-1.3	32.1	-3.6	34.3	2.1	31.0	-1.0	29.1	-10.7	27.3	-6.2	32.9	-4.6	32.9	-1.8
Dec	32.4	0.0	38.4	0.3	32.0	-0.6	32.4	-3.9	35.8	5.9	30.1	-3.2	31.2	-0.6	26.5	-13.7	33.6	0.6	33.5	0.3
2008 Jan	32.1	-0.9	36.8	-3.2	31.2	-4.0	35.2	2.3	34.4	-2.8	30.9	-1.0	31.1	2.3	26.0	-10.0	35.0	1.2	33.0	-0.6
Feb	32.1	0.3	36.3	0.8	31.9	1.3	33.7	-1.2	34.9	-5.2	31.6	5.3	29.9	-1.6	26.6	-6.3	34.0	-3.4	32.9	-0.9
Mar	31.8	-0.3	35.0	-7.9	31.9	-0.3	33.0	0.6	35.5	-2.2	29.5	5.7	30.6	2.3	26.9	-7.9	34.2	4.0	32.8	-0.6
Apr	32.4	-1.5	39.5	5.1	30.7	-8.9	32.7	-0.6	36.9	2.5	32.6	6.9	29.4	0.7	27.2	-9.0	34.1	-5.3	33.3	-2.1
May	32.2	-1.5	36.1	-1.6	31.2	-8.2	34.1	3.3	35.1	-1.4	32.2	4.9	31.2	4.3	28.9	-0.3	34.1	-2.3	33.2	-1.8
Jun	32.6	0.6	37.2	2.2	30.7	-6.7	33.3	0.6	36.0	3.7	32.6	0.0	30.9	5.5	28.7	-2.7	34.9	1.5	33.8	0.0
Jul	30.4	-0.7	35.2	-4.1	32.2	1.6	29.1	-8.5	33.8	-1.5	21.1	12.8	28.8	6.3	29.7	1.4	30.9	-0.6	31.8	-0.6
Aug	30.0	0.7	37.4	1.1	31.2	-2.2	31.3	-0.3	32.8	2.5	18.9	30.3	27.2	5.4	29.7	1.0	29.8	3.8	31.5	0.6
Sep	32.3	-0.9	36.8	-4.9	31.8	2.3	32.2	-4.5	34.3	-5.0	33.1	7.5	29.1	-2.0	30.3	-0.3	33.3	6.7	33.4	-0.9
Oct	29.2	-1.7	32.3	-6.9	29.8	-1.7	29.6	-3.3	31.4	-0.9	28.9	6.6	27.1	0.7	27.9	-3.8	28.7	2.1	30.1	-2.0
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Jan-Oct08	31.5		36.3		31.3		32.4		34.5		29.1		29.5		28.2		32.9		32.6	
% Change	-0.6		-1.9		-2.8		-1.1		-1.1		6.4		2.3		-3.8		0.6		-0.9	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on the 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions or comments should be directed to Karen Kirby at (250) 356-7870 or Karen.Kirby@gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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